

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON  
FOR – TOWN BOARD MEETING – March 5, 2019  
At – NAMAKAGON TOWN HALL – 7:30pm  
MINUTES

Chairman Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Present were Chairman Rasmussen, Supervisors Jack McGregor and Jim Krueger, Treasurer Arlene Skultety, Clerk Michael D’Andrea, Deputy Clerk Laura Bjork and 5 others.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read by Deputy Clerk Laura Bjork. There were corrections made. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve the minutes with the noted corrections. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

The Financial Report was read by Treasurer Skultety; checks approved and signed #2688 through #2714. Town Financials are available to the public upon request to the Treasurer. There was discussion on delinquent room taxes.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING REPORT – There was no report, as the commission has not met this month yet.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CEMETERY PLOTS AT THE TOWN OF CABLE CEMETERY – Chairman Rasmussen stated that the Town of Namakagon owns plot 245 at the Town of Cable Cemetery with 6 graves. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to sell the lots. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor. There are 2 graves that are occupied and 4 available. MOTION carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION OF COORDINATION ON THE DECOMMISSIONING OF SNAKE TRAIL – Chairman Rasmussen attended a meeting with the Town of Grand View and the Town of Lincoln regarding the close of Snake Trail Road. The towns need the road open and Namakagon leads up to that road. A resolution was drawn up by the townships to keep the trail open. The resolution is petitioning the Federal Government as an all-encompassing resolution, not specific to Snake Trail Rd. Supervisor McGregor stated that he would not want to jeopardize the good relationship with the forest service. Supervisor Krueger stated that the resolution seems to say that if the forest service and the town own the road, then the town should be included in the decision making process. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve Resolution #1-2019. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor. Supervisor McGregor noted that the resolution is vague and ambiguous. He would prefer it to be more specific. It was noted that this resolution sets precedence for other roads. MOTION carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO GET CARRIERS ON CELL TOWER FOR SAFETY PUPOSES. REQUESTING HELP FROM NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL –

Supervisor Krueger stated back in October Congressman Duffy was being pursued to get involved. Jim Miller is his Representative. The Park Service can make recommendations, but can no longer stop the town. The town can overshadow the recommendations. FCC is the authority agent. Jim Miller met with Norvado and was told that no one else had any interest in being a carrier on the tower. The issue is the topography, not the height of the tower. Service would only work if there were several towers. The NWPC, Northwest Planning Commission, says that the responsibility will stay with the local government to find a carrier and to get support from NWPC. There was discussion about the height of the tower and the topography. Supervisor Krueger stated that this becomes an issue for safety issues, such as ambulance and fire department. The Town Board decided to write a letter to NWPC and explaining the issues of not having good cell service for safety purposes and go from there.

**DISCUSSION ON BAYFIELD COUNTY APPLICATION FOR 2019 NON-METALLIC MINING SITES** – An application was received from Bayfield County and reviewed.

**LIBRARY REPORT** – There was no report. The next meeting will be March 12<sup>th</sup>.

**REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE** – A letter was received from Attorney Spears Carlson & Coleman S.C. on behalf of a number of Cable residents regarding Snowmobile Trail #8. The Snowmobile Club has been using the Brent and Sheree Rueb property and has no permission to do so. An alternative route needs to be established by next season. The Snowmobile Club will take care of this issue.

Supervisor Krueger stated that the Lake Association received a letter from the DNR reporting the evaluation of weeds in the lake last fall. The evaluation showed the problem areas, one of which was the bottom of the lake by Birch Lake Lane, which is heavy with milfoil. The DNR would like to do a treatment of the whole bay, possibly the first week in June. The water level has to come down and there cannot be much current. This would be the same treatment that was done by Lakewoods. The treatment does not affect the fish and animals and does not hinder swimming. There were a couple of other spots that could be handpicked to clean up, which were Four Seasons boat landing, deep in Mum's Bay and Northwest of Mogasheen. Three hand pulls will be scheduled; one in June, July and August. Lakewoods will also be involved with the hand pulls. There was nothing in Jackson Lake or Garden Lake.

The Town Board received three thank you notes from Linda Parker, representative of the Forest Lodge Library Board, The Cable Area Chamber of Commerce for the Writer's Tour and the Cable/Namakagon Historical Museum.

The Walleye Program will begin in June.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

**DATE FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN BOARD MEETING** – APRIL 16, 2019 @ 7:00PM.

**SET DATE FOR THE NEXT BOARD MEETING** – April 9, 2019 @ 7:30pm.

The Town Board meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Deputy Clerk